**Representation of the President of the All India IDPL Employees Federation**

1877. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the President of the All India IDPL Employees Federation has urged Government to get an Investigation done into the possible hormonal imbalance among employees working at the plants manufacturing contraceptive pills; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IDPL has reported that it has provided necessary safety measures in its unit producing contraceptives to ensure that the workers are not exposed to any hazard in the production of contraceptives and that no complaint has been received by the company from its workers regarding unsafe working conditions.

**Electronic Exchanges in Coal Fields**

1878. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic telephone exchange installed at Bara Bazar, Calcutta, has increased the telephone revenue from that exchange by ten fold from Rs. 12 lakh to Rs. 1.20 crore; and

(b) if so, whether Government would expedite the programme of setting electronic exchanges in West Bengal Coalfields by importing foreign exchanges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Demand and Supply of Electricity**

1879. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what was the gap between the demand and supply of electricity as on 31st December, 1987 region-wise; and

(b) what was the total generation during the last five years region-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) The required information is as under :—

January 1987 to December, 1987 Fig. in MU

| | Requirement | Availability | Shortage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Region | 61039 | 54379 | 6060 |
| Western Region | 61512 | 58560 | 2952 |
| Southern Region | 53988 | 45809 | 8179 |
| Eastern Region | 27370 | 23827 | 3543 |
| North Eastern Region | 2057 | 1974 | 83 |
| All India | 205966 | 184549 | 21417 |

(b) The required information is as under:—

Energy Generation (Fig. in MU)

| | 1983-84 | 1984-85 | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Region | 39664 | 41507 | 46149 | 52842 | 59517 |
| Western Region | 45944 | 51700 | 57389 | 63128 | 68945 |
| Southern Region | 34162 | 42132 | 43486 | 47091 | 47634 |
| Eastern Region | 18637 | 19635 | 21175 | 22630 | 23646 |
| North Eastern Region | 1489 | 1659 | 1838 | 1914 | 2152 |
| All India | 139896 | 156633 | 170037 | 187605 | 201894 |

**Additional power to Small Scale industries in Tamil Nadu**

1880. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale industrial units including hotels (classified as industry) are denied additional power required by them for increasing their industrial activity, by the Thanjavur Municipal Electricity Department in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the number of industries which have been affected thereby; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Overcharging on Betamethasone and Dexamethasone**

1881. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3752 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies referred to in the reply made part payment;

(b) if so, what is the balance amount to be paid by each and when would it be paid;

(c) what are the details of compositions of Betamethasone and Dexamethasone being marketed in the country and what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices of all;

(d) what was the price of each bulk drug taken by and when the prices of all formulations will be fixed;

(e) whether the amount overcharged from consumers on these drugs have been assessed;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and